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49/236. United Nations Mission for the Verification of Human Rights and of Compliance with the Commitments of the Comprehensive Agreement on Human Rights in Guatemala

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/15 of 20 November 1990, 46/109 A of 17 December 1991, 47/118 of 18 December 1992, 48/161 of 20 December 1993 and, in particular, 48/267 of 19 September 1994, in which it decided to establish the Mission for the Verification of Human Rights and of Compliance with the Commitments of the Comprehensive Agreement on Human Rights in Guatemala in accordance with the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General 1/ for an initial period of six months, and its resolution 49/137 of 19 December 1994, in which it requested the Secretary-General to continue his support for the Guatemalan peace process, through his representative, and his assistance in implementing the agreements,

Welcoming the inauguration and full deployment of the Mission, and the support and cooperation provided to it by the Government of Guatemala and the Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca,

Also welcoming the conclusion of the status-of-mission agreement between the Government of Guatemala and the Secretary-General and its subsequent approval by the Guatemalan Congress,

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1/ A/48/985.

Taking into account the note by the Secretary-General containing the report of the Director of the Mission on the first three months of the Mission's activities, 2/

Taking note of the recommendations addressed to the Government of Guatemala and the Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca contained in that report, regarding the implementation of their commitments under the Comprehensive Agreement on Human Rights, 3/

Stressing the importance of mobilizing national and international resources for institution-building and cooperation projects intended to strengthen the Guatemalan system for the protection of human rights,

Recognizing the efforts of the Secretary-General and the Group of Friends of the Guatemalan peace process 4/ in support of the peace negotiations,

Concerned that the peace negotiations slowed down during the second half of 1994 and that the target dates agreed by the parties for the conclusion of an agreement on a firm and lasting peace were not met,

Emphasizing the importance of giving new momentum to the peace negotiations with a view to reaching promptly a package of agreements that will put an end to the armed confrontation and lay the foundations for a lasting peace in Guatemala,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General concerning steps taken since 22 December 1994 to give new dynamism to the peace negotiations, 5/

Having considered the recommendation of the Secretary-General regarding the extension of the mandate of the Mission, contained in his report on the Mission, 6/

1. Welcomes the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission for the Verification of Human Rights and of Compliance with the Commitments of the Comprehensive Agreement on Human Rights in Guatemala;

2. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Director of the Mission on the first three months of the Mission's activities;

2/ A/49/856.

3/ A/48/928-S/1994/448, annex I.

4/ The Group of Friends is composed of Colombia, Mexico, Norway, Spain, the United States of America and Venezuela.

5/ A/49/857-S/1995/168.

6/ A/49/860.

3. Decides to authorize the renewal of the mandate of the Mission for a further period of six months, in accordance with the recommendation of the Secretary-General;

4. Calls upon the Government of Guatemala and the Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca to follow the recommendations of the Mission and to comply fully with their commitments under the Comprehensive Agreement on Human Rights;

5. Reiteraces the importance of the undertaking by the parties, contained in the Comprehensive Agreement on Human Rights, to provide their broadest support to the Mission and whatever cooperation it may need to carry out its functions, particularly with respect to the security of the members of the Mission;

6. Invites the international community to increase its support for institution-building and cooperation projects with governmental and non-governmental organizations, intended to strengthen the Guatemalan system for the protection of human rights, in particular through voluntary contributions to the trust fund for the Guatemalan peace process being established by the Secretary-General;

7. Reiterates the great importance it attaches to the early conclusion of the agreement on a firm and lasting peace and urges the parties to make good on their commitment to give new momentum to the negotiating process;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to keep the General Assembly fully informed of the implementation of the present resolution.

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